

A Politique
CONFESSION OF FAITH:
 Calculated for the Meridian of both
CHURCHES

So as Reading each Column by it self , it
 Suits with the belief of the most Zealous Papist , but putting both together, as one Line,
 Agrees with the Tenets of every Good Protestant.

Composed for the Assistance of weak *Catholicks*, in the necessary Art of *Equivocation*.

Quo teneam Protea Nodo.

I Still will Stick	To the Reformed way,
To <i>Catholick</i>	Adieu, It leads astray ;
Holding for Faith	What <i>Englands</i> Church avows,
What <i>Rome's</i> Church saith,	My Conscience Disallows :
Beyond whose Pale,	Pure Doctrine's only Sown,
All truth doth fail,	Where the Popes, pow'r men own :
Doubting , I repair	To Scriptures Decision,
To's Holiness Chair,	I Answer with Derision ;
And Bow my Knees	To the Laws of my Prince,
To Images	Paying small Reverence;
Where Kings are Head,	Subjects are not to blame,
The Flocks misled	To think the Pope Supream :
To Saints I pray,	What VVorship can be true ?
'Tis the right way,	That is accounted New :
Gods Word I keep,	Free from all Superstitions,
From simple Sheep,	I defend old Traditions :
And hold no wrong	I'th Common Pray'r, who saith
In a strange Tongue	<i>Amen</i> , hath a strange Faith :
Dread Purgatory jayl	I value not a Pin,
'Tis no idle Tayl,	To Act a venial sin :
Prayers, and Pence,	Merits I allow,
May Bail us thence,	The People will have it so :
Priests are Ill-spced,	VVho do Assert Confession,
Who dare to Wed,	Honour most their Profession :
My Creed Consents	The Cup to'th Layety,
Seven Sacraments ,	'Tis sure Impiety :
VVhere th' Altar's drest,	Service is scarce Divine,
People are Blest,	VVith Table, Bread, and VVine :
And he's an As	VVho that Communion flies,
VVho shuns the Mass	Is Catholick and VVise.

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